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Attorney Docket No.: 2001-1846

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SUBSTRATE PLATING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. [] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3. [X] Specification [Total Pages: 24]

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Descriptive title of the Invention

Cross References to Related Applications

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- Background of the Invention

Brief Summary of the Invention

Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)

Detailed Description

Claim(s)

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Abstract of the Disclosure Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)

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[X] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

• i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

[] Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

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8. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. [] Computer Readable Form

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) 10. []

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English Translation Document (if applicable) 11. []

12. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [] Copies of IDS Citations

13. [X] Preliminary Amendment

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Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. [] Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. [] Other

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[] Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 09/674,179

Prior Application Information: Examiner

Group Art Unit 1741

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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